

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Sir, on a point of order. When the question is put, the Hon'ble Minister for Education says 'answers are printed' and the Deputy Minister for Public Works also says, 'answers are printed'.....

Sri T. D. MARANNA.—There is no point of order. Let us not waste time.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is not for Sri Maranna to say that. It makes my position difficult.

Sri T. D. MARANNA.—It has been said that work was sanctioned in 1959-60. But in (d), it is stated that 'no response'. This answer seems to be rather wonderful. Response from whom?

†Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—Tenders were called for twice and till today, there is no response. In the meanwhile, the Chief Engineer has visited the place and has felt that we can improve the capacity of the tank and he has asked the authorities to re-assess the water potential.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Should not the Government take it on its own shoulders and do it in the interest of the public Sir?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a suggestion for an action.

Sri T. D. MARANNA.—Even if no contractor comes forward, is there no alternative for Government to take up the work and complete it in the interest of the people?

†Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The agency is not fixed because as the Hon'ble Deputy Minister just now explained, Government have referred this back to the Chief Engineer to re-assess the capacity of the tank. After the Government receives a report from the Chief Engineer, the agency for the execution of the work will be fixed and even if nobody tenders, Government will take up the work and do it.

UPGRADING OF GRADUATE TEACHERS WORKING IN SECOND DIVISION.

*Q.—161. Sri T. D. MARANNA (Magadi) —

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many graduate teachers working in Second Division since a long time;

(b) whether it is a fact that representations were made in this behalf to upgrade them to Graduates' Cadre;

(c) if so, what is the action taken by the Government in this behalf?

A. - Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Necessary provision is made for promotion of such graduate teachers to the higher grade as Graduate Assistants in High Schools in the draft Cadre and Recruitment Rules.

Sri T. D. MARANNA.—It is said in (c) that necessary provision is made for the promotion of such graduate teachers in High Schools in the draft cadre and recruitment rules. May I know the number of teachers who have been benefited under this provision?

†Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—It is still in the draft stage. It is not yet finalised.

CONSTRUCTION OF MINOR AND MAJOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN SOME PARTS OF MAGADI TALUK.

*Q.—162. Sri T. D. MARANNA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not allowing any irrigation projects, Minor or Major, to be taken up in some parts of Magadi taluk within the Arkavathi Valley;

(b) whether it is a fact that repeated representations were made to Government to show some latitude in this respect in the interests of the poor ryots of the taluk;

(c) whether they will at least now permit construction of Minor Irrigation Projects, so as to irrigate at least 1,000 acres of land in this area?

A.—Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes, up to the Hallimala site near Ramanagaram.

(b) Yes, some representations have been made.

(c) This will be examined.

Sri T. D. MARANNA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that Magadi Taluk is a backward area and it needs some minor irrigation projects to improve the condition of the people there?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—Yes Sir, it is an arid taluk.

Sri T. D. MARANNA.—It has been said that up to Hallimala site, no major irrigation project will be permitted. Am I to take it that it is the sin of the people of Magadi to have provided the Thippagondanahalli Reservoir to supply drinking water to the civilised people of Bangalore?

†Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Who said, it is a sin!